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Literary Analysis HW

Short Story Analysis Worksheet – Harrison Bergeron by Kurt Vonnegut Jr.

As you read the short stories assigned in class, the following guidelines may help you in your analysis. Keep in mind that some aspects of literary analysis (e.g. character motivation) may be quite easy to analyze and discuss, while others (e.g. irony, symbolism) may be more challenging.

Spend 10-15 minutes on the analysis for each story. You can write in bullet points if necessary. This is meant to organize your thoughts, not be a formal paper. This will be grade for correctness, not completion.

Conflict – What is the Central Conflict in this story? Is it internal or external? How do you know this is the conflict?

Setting – Where and when does the story take place? Is the time period or are the dates relevant? Is the physical geography of the setting significant? How and why?

Characters – Who are the central characters in the story? Are they round or flat? How much background information are we given about them? What traits would you use to describe them? Describe the conflicts they face.
